

Claims

1) An image capture device detection system, comprising indicator unit arranged to be installed in or on an image capture device, said indicator unit being configured to emit an indicator signal in response to an external stimulus to indicate the presence of said image capture device.

5 10 2) A detection system according to claim 1, in which said indicator signal is an electronic signal.

15 15 3) A detection system according to claim 2, in which electronic indicator signal is emitted periodically.

4) A detection system according to claim 2, in which electronic indicator signal is emitted continuously.

20 5) A detection system according to claim 1, in which said indicator signal is an audible signal.

6) A detection system according to claim 1, in which said indicator signal is a visible signal.

25 7) A detection system according to claim 1, comprising a sensor for detecting said external stimulus signal.

8) A detection system according to claim 7, in which the sensor is a motion sensor.

30 9) A detection system according to claim 7, in which the sensor is an acoustic sensor.

35 10) A detection system according to claim 1, further comprising a remote detection unit arranged to transmit a

query signal, a receiver in or on said image capture device arranged to receive said query signal when said remote detection unit is within a predetermined distance thereof, said indicator unit being arranged to emit said indicator signal, in response to receipt of said query signal.

11) A detection system according to claim 10, wherein
said remote detection unit transmits said query signal
periodically.

12) A detection system according to claim 10, wherein
said remote detection unit comprises a transducer, said
query signal being transmitted in response to the output
of the transducer.

13) A detection system according to claim 10, wherein
said indicator unit transmits an indicator signal in
response to receipt of said query signal, said remote
detection unit including a receiver for receiving said
indicator signal.

14) A detection system according to claim 1, in which the
indicator unit comprises a transmitter arranged to
transmit said indicator signal, the system further
comprising a remote detection unit including a receiver
arranged to receive said indicator signal when said remote
detection unit is within a predetermined distance or range
of said image capture device.

15) A detection system according to claim 13 or claim 14,
in which the detection unit comprises an alarm arranged,
in response to receipt of said indication signal, to
actuate a warning device to alert a user to the presence
of the image capture device.

16) A detection system according to claim 14, wherein
said indicator unit comprises a short range radio
transmitter for transmitting a radio signal, and said
remote detection unit comprises a radio receiver and
decoder for receiving and decoding said radio signal when
said remote detection unit is within a predetermined
distance or range of said image capture device.

10 17) A detection system according to claim 14, wherein
said indicator unit comprises an infra-red transmitter for
transmitting an infra-red signal, and said remote
detection unit comprises an infra-red receiver for
receiving an infra-red signal when said remote detection
unit is within the field of view of said image capture
device.

15 18) A detection system according to claim 14, wherein
said indicator signal transmitted by said indicator unit
includes information identifying the image capture device.

20 19) A detection system according to claim 14, wherein
said indicator signal transmitted by said indicator unit
includes information indicating the capabilities of the
image capture device.

25 20) A detection system according to claim 14, wherein
said indicator signal transmitted by said indicator unit
includes information indicating the status of the image
capture device.

30 21) A detection system according to claim 14, wherein
said indicator signal transmitted by said indicator unit
includes information indicating details of the person or
entity responsible for the image capture device.

22) A detection system according to claim 14, wherein
said indicator signal transmitted by said indicator unit
includes information indicating details of the people or
groups of people authorized to access images captured by
the image capture device.

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23) A detection system according to any of claims 18 to
22, in which the detection unit comprises an alarm
arranged, in response to receipt of said indication
signal, to actuate a warning device to alert a user to the
presence of the image capture device, actuation of the
alarm being dependent upon said information included in
the signal transmitted by said indicator unit.

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24) A detection system according to any of claims 18 to
22, in which said remote detection unit comprises a
display for displaying at least some of the information
included in said indicator signal received from said
indicator unit.

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25) A detection system according to any of claims 18 to
22, in which said remote detection unit comprises a
storage device for storing at least some of the
information included in said indicator signal received
from said indicator unit.

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26) An image capture device including an indicator unit
configured to emit an indicator signal in response to an
external stimulus to indicate the presence of said image
capture device.